ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A halogen-free flame-retardant composition includes (1) organic phosphorous compound (A) and (1') melamine or a compound derived from melamine (B); or (2) a melamine-phosphorous compound (AB). The composition also includes an olefin polymer and from 0.1 to 30 wt%, based on the olefin polymer, of a compound containing acid, acid anhydride or epoxy groups. The flame-retardant composition may included in a polycondensate composition such as polyamide or polyester. The burning time of polycondensate compositions which incorporate the flame-retardant composition is substantially shortened.